



Regular Meeting Agenda

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission

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Tuesday, March 4, 2025 5:30 PM

**Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

WORKSHOP - ART A LA CARTE

PUBLIC COMMENT

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noticing at the end of this agenda)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

REPORTS

1. **County Librarian Report – Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian**
Recommendation:
Receive report.
2. **Morgan Hill Library Report - Heather Geddes, Community Librarian**
Recommendation:
Receive report.
3. **Friends of the Morgan Hill Library Report – Vicky Reader, Friends President**
Recommendation:
Receive report.
4. **Morgan Hill Historical Society Report - Roger Knopf, Board President**
Recommendation:
Receive report.
5. **City of Morgan Hill Update - Chris Ghione, Public Services Director**
Recommendation:
Receive report.

BUSINESS

1. **Accept February 4, 2025 LCAC Commission Minutes**
Recommendation:
Accept February 4, 2025 LCAC Commission Minutes.
2. **Discuss the status of the Public Art Master Plan.**
Recommendation:
Share updates on the development of the Plan.
3. **Work Plan Updates**
Recommendation:
Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

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March 2025 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Storybook SCCLD Reaches Key Milestones at a Trio of Libraries

March is an important month for the Storybook SCCLD project, with the Grand Opening event at the Saratoga Library around mid-month and two more beginning installation at the Morgan Hill and Gilroy Libraries.

Children and their adults will have so much fun exploring the Redwood Romp at the Saratoga Library that they will not even notice that they are practicing the essential skills they need to become good readers.

The schedules for each library's project are listed on our [Storybook SCCLD webpage](#) and are subject to change. You'll also find a brief description of the theme and unique aspects of each Storybook site. During the installation period (which is just under two months), the children's collections will be available in other parts of the libraries. Patrons are encouraged to place items on hold, or check out other [SCCLD locations](#) if they wish to browse a wider variety of titles. We promise that the brief inconvenience during construction will be well worth it once the Storybook SCCLD children's spaces open in each location.

The Library Can Help You Eat Right

March is [National Nutrition Month](#), which is put on by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics as a way to promote healthy eating practices and physical activity. This year's theme is "Food Connects Us," which speaks to the positive aspects of cooking, culture and eating together.



In addition to a large variety of cookbooks and recommended booklists from our [Food & Beverages](#) and [Health & Fitness](#) groups our librarians compile each month, we also have a number of online resources that can help you plan for your ideal meal plan. Check out the [Health & Wellness](#) section of our 24/7 Online Library, which features several fact-based databases of information compiled by scientists and public health experts. This includes [Health Library by StayWell](#), [MedlinePlus](#), Reference eBooks from EBSCO, Gale, and others, and Learning Resources like The Great Courses.

Four of our libraries are also hosting events this month around maintaining a healthy gut through a proper diet and lifestyle. The "[Food as Medicine](#)" talks are presented by an advance practice nurse. We host many other [health-related events](#), including Zumba classes, guided meditations, and group hikes.



Marking Women's History Month

This year's Women's History Month celebration of the contributions of women across our society [has the theme](#) of "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating and Inspiring Generations." There are many events taking place at [our libraries](#), online and across the County this month.

We have a great virtual author talk featuring journalist [Clara Bingham](#) on Thursday, March 20 about some of the leading figures involved in the women's liberation movement of the 1960s and 1970s. Using her investigative skills, Bingham brings to life the stories of several key figures of second-wave U.S. feminism using oral histories.

Also of note is [Women's Heritage Day](#), which is happening at History Park in San José on Saturday, March 22. The free event will feature talks by local authors and book discussions, plus much more. A history walk to learn about the pioneering women of [Rancho Santa Teresa](#) follows that same night.

Check out our Monthly Calendar of Events for other programming, including a Silicon Valley Reads virtual author talk on Wednesday, March 12 with [Amy Wu](#) on her book [From Farms to Incubators: Women Innovators Revolutionizing How Our Food is Grown](#). Author [Meridith Jaeger](#) will visit the Milpitas Library on Saturday, March 22 to talk about her latest novel [The Incurribles](#), which tells the story of women immigrants during the Gilded Age.

Our 24/7 Online Library offers resources to learn more about women across history include [Biography \(Gale in Context\)](#) for biographical materials, [Library Reference Center Plus](#) for author overviews of influential figures, and [U.S. History \(Gale in Context\)](#) for audio clips, news and magazine resources.

March Virtual Author Talks

We kick things off on Wednesday, March 12 with an inspirational talk by Dan Heath, author of [Reset: How to Change What's Not Working](#). In this wide-ranging discussion, he will walk attendees through a variety of examples of how leaders have been able to make major change by thinking out of the box. [Register here](#).

Tune in Thursday, March 20 for a timely discussion on the role of the women's movement in transforming America during the crucial decade between 1963 and 1973. Award-winning journalist Clara Bingham will share highlights of [her book](#), which features the oral histories of several of the key women from this era. [Please register](#).

New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Weiner closes out this month's series on Tuesday, March 26 with a talk about her novels, including her latest, [The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits](#). Weiner writes insightful and entertaining stories about women navigating life's challenges. [Please register](#).



Silicon Valley Reads March Events

Silicon Valley Reads 2025 is half finished, with [many great events](#) still to come. SCCLD alone has dozens of book discussions, author talks and presentations scheduled on numerous tech-related topics. Our Monthly Calendar, which follows, has a full list of events. Please check our [Online Calendar](#) for the latest list of events, and to register for any that request it.

AI remains a main theme, with [16 events](#) on the topic, including an [AI petting zoo](#) and [navigating college admissions](#). [SED Talks for Teens](#) are being organized by the Saratoga Youth Commission and the Saratoga Library's Teen Advisory Board on Saturday, March 22. Three top AI industry leaders will take part in the annual speakers series, which is focused on exploring the implications and social benefits of AI. Activities and prizes will be offered.

Talks include a final appearance by Featured Author [Ray Nayler](#) ([The Mountain in the Sea](#)) and a discussion with Companion Book author [Peter Brown](#) ([The Wild Robot](#)). Both of those are virtual events. Another event of note is the [Retro Roadshow](#), which offers the opportunity to view and use some of the most iconic Apple computers following a presentation about the history of the company. The [RAFT Maker Mobile](#) will also make its final appearances, this time at our South County libraries.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

MARCH 2025 EVENTS

****All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable on Monday, March 31 for Cesar Chavez Day****

Silicon Valley Reads Programs are highlighted in blue.

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Ave., Room 46

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room M-50

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. Registration is required.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, & 19, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Join us for stories, songs, and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

Navigating College Admissions in the AI Era

Tuesday, March 11, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room Q-80

Gain insight into AI's role in college admissions, the future of college applications, ethical considerations in AI-driven admissions, preparing for the AI era, and the broader impact of AI on higher education. Please register.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Family Storytime

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Writing Family History with AI

Saturday, March 1, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Room 201

Learn storytelling fundamentals, from traditional tales to AI-generated narratives. Discover how AI enhances writing, delve into movie-making techniques, and craft personalized family stories. Please register.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, March 2, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

This program is for infants and pre-walking babies under 12 months. Adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate with their babies.

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, March 2, 9, 16, & 23, 11 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Join us for babywearing dance.

VITA: Volunteer Tax Preparation

Sundays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2 – 4:30 p.m., Room 201

People will be helped on a first come, first served basis. Please bring all W2s, 1092s, 1099s and SSA forms. Please bring your 2023 tax return if available. You will also need to create an email address ahead of time.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Improve your English listening and speaking skills and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. This program is for adults who speak basic English. Register online.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

This storytime will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Tuesday, March 4, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Meeting Room

Children are invited to build and create using LEGOs. Please leave your own LEGOs at home.

Homework Help

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 – 6 p.m.

Students in grades K-5 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 4:30 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

Practice meditation for 20 minutes, then have 10 minutes to ask questions with the instructor.

Trust Mental Health Workshop for Teens

Wednesday, March 5, 6 – 7 p.m., Room 201

This workshop, led by Trust Mental Health, will show you how to stay calm, focused and confident, explore ways to manage stress, build a positive mindset and turn anxious energy into success. Please register.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., First Floor Program Room

This storytime features stories and songs that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 30 babies with a maximum of 2 adults per family.

Reading Buddies

Thursday, March 6 and Monday, March 10, 7 – 8 p.m.

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book.

Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk. This is for students who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to drop in and socialize while starting new projects or finishing old ones. Participants need to bring their own needles and/or crochet hooks and yarn. No personal instruction will be provided.

中/英文雙語說故事時間/Mandarin-English Bilingual Family Storytime

Fridays, March 7 & 14, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, a flannel board story, fingerplay, and a craft project in Mandarin and English. Children and their caretakers are welcome to join. 兒童圖書館員將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書;唱兒歌;用絨布板講故事;手指謠和做美勞。歡迎幼兒們 和家長, 祿母一同前來參加。

Musical Yoga with JAMaROO Kids (ages 3+)

Saturday, March 8, 4 – 4:30 p.m., Room 101

Children will go on a yoga adventure using their imaginations and the art of storytelling to help navigate through yoga poses. In this class we'll travel to all seven continents and the oceans, too, with an energetic yoga sequence set to an irresistible original song.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Sunday, March 9, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [*The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA*](#) by Liz Mundy.

Food as Medicine: Gut Health Basics

Monday, March 10, 7–8 p.m.

Discover how food can be used as medicine to support digestive health, reduce inflammation, and improve vitality.

Children’s Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, March 11, 7–8 p.m.

We will be discussing the Silicon Valley Reads pick, [*The Wild Robot*](#) by Peter Brown. Please register. This program is for adults only.

Art and Wellness Hour: Process-Based Art (ages 3+)

Wednesday, March 12, 4–5 p.m., Room 101

Process art focuses on the “process” of making art rather than any predetermined composition or plan. It is art that celebrates the joy of creativity and experimenting. Materials will be supplied, but examples and directions will not be given.

Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance Talk

Wednesday, March 12, 7–8:30 p.m., Room 201A

Advances in technology have drastically changed how we view the world, including the birds in the sky. Join us for a discussion on some of the latest tech trends in birding, ornithology, and conservation.

California Native Plant Society: Design and Maintain Native Plants

Thursday, March 13, 7–8:30 p.m., Community Room 201

Learn how to set functional, aesthetic, and ecological goals for your yard and draw a simple plan. We will discuss the selection of native plants for year-round blooms and how to group them for pleasing design aesthetics, especially during our dry summers.

Art Therapy for Tweens (Kids 10+)

Friday, March 14, 4–5 p.m., Room 101

We will explore different techniques and art materials each month. Materials will be provided, while supplies last.

Retro Roadshow: Tales from the Orchard

Saturday, March 15, 2–5 p.m., Room 101

Join us for an exploration of Apple’s history and its far-reaching influence, presented by the Retro Roadshow Pop-Up Museum of Vintage Technology.

Woven Paper Plate Craft (Grades 3+)

Saturday, March 15, 2 – 3 p.m.

Learn how to turn an ordinary paper plate into a colorful woven bowl. Craft available while supplies last.

Line Dancing for Beginners

Mondays, March 17 & 24, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Room 201

Have fun, meet new friends while you learn and master shuffles, sweeps, and turns to the tunes of Waltz, Rumba, Cha-Cha, Country and other music. No experience needed, no partner needed, and please wear comfortable (no open toe) shoes.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wed., March 19, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thur., March 20, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss the Silicon Valley Reads book, *Loneliness & Company* by Charlee Dyroff.

Composting Education

Wednesday, March 19, 6 – 8 p.m., Room 201

Learn how to reduce waste and build healthy soils by composting at home. This workshop will cover both backyard composting and composting with worms.

SVR: Laptop Repair Workshop

Saturday, March 22, 2 – 6 p.m., Room 201

Participants will learn essential laptop repairs and the fundamentals of computer electronics. Each attendee will be provided with a laptop to disassemble and reassemble, while learning how to perform various repairs. Please register.

Science of Airplanes (ages 6+)

Saturday, March 22, 3 – 4 p.m., Room 101

We'll cover such topics like how airplanes can stay in the sky when they weigh so much, when the first airplane was invented, and how different they are today. Then, we will all make paper airplanes to see whose can fly the furthest! No registration required.

Tuesday Travel Nights

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Photographer Pam Perkins will take us on a vibrant journey through India.

Police Read Along

Wednesday, March 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

A sheriff's deputy will read books and share safety tips. Please arrive on time as seating is limited.

AI for Everyone

Saturday, March 29, 1 – 2 p.m., Room 201

This friendly, hands-on workshop is designed for those who want to learn how to use AI in simple, practical ways! From writing emails to organizing recipes or planning your next trip, you'll discover how AI can save you time and energy.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street**RAFT Maker Mobile/Creaciones Inovadoras STEAM**

Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2 – 5 p.m.

This innovative mobile makerspace brings hands-on, immersive STEAM learning. Suitable for patrons 5+. Este innovador espacio de creación móvil ofrece aprendizaje STEAM práctico e inmersivo. Más adecuado para edades de 5 años en adelante.

Bilingual Storytime: English & Spanish/Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe: Ingles y Español

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

Join us for stories and songs in English and Spanish, followed by music and playtime with Librarian Patty. Acompáñenos a escuchar cuentos y canciones en inglés y español, seguido por música y tiempo para jugar con los Bibliotecaria Patty.

Artificial Intelligence: Progressing NASA's Missions

Sunday, March 2, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Learn how NASA utilizes AI to revolutionize missions to further advance technology and scientific knowledge.

1-on-1 Tech Help/Ayuda con la Tecnología

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 1 – 5 p.m., Computer Area Upstairs

Drop by to get help with opening an email account, connect to Wi-Fi/hotspots, use laptops/Chromebooks, and use Microsoft Office. Ellos pueden ayudarte: abrir una cuenta de correo electrónico, conéctese a Wi-Fi/puntos de acceso, Utilice computadoras portátiles/Chromebooks y utilice Microsoft Office.

Homework & Reading Help/Ayuda con la Tarea y Lectura

Monday – Fridays, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Children's Area

Students in grades K-8 can visit the library for help with reading and homework. Ayuda con las tareas y lectura gratis. Algunos tutores hablan español.

Create N Play/Crear Y Jugar

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 6:15 – 7 p.m., Children's Area

Each session is different; we will feature a variety of art materials, crafts, or even a touch of engineering and science. Cada sesión es diferente; presentaremos una variedad de materiales de arte, manualidades, e incluso un toque de ingeniería y ciencia.

Pajama Storytime/Cuentas en Pijama

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 7 – 8 p.m., the Nest

Join us for stories, sing songs, and wear your pajamas! Lee cuentos, canta canciones y ponte el pijama para una hora de cuentos para niños de todas las edades.

Zumba at the Library

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

Join us for an easy-to-follow dance that works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast. No registration required. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring your own water and towel.

Wednesday Teen Crafternoon

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 4 – 5 p.m., Teen Area

Hang out, build community and learn new crafts and skills.

Bilingual Storytime in English and Vietnamese/Độc Truyện Song Ngữ Anh Việt

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 4:30 – 5 p.m., The Nest

Let's read stories, sing songs, dance, and play games with Miss Như Ý. Chúng ta cùng đọc sách, ca múa, và vui chơi cùng cô Như Ý nhé.

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Area

Join us for fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs to nurture early literacy skills.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido Semanal

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

Bring your projects, ask questions, get help, share ideas and meet new people. ¡Trae tus proyectos, haz preguntas, recibe ayuda, comparte ideas y conoce gente nueva!

Switched On: Teen Gaming Drop In

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Teen Area

Gamers ages 12-18 can come by and play games on the Nintendo Switch. Console, controllers and games will be provided, but you can bring your own controllers if you want.

Intercambio: Practice English & Spanish Conversation/Practica la conversación en inglés & español

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 5 – 5:45 p.m., Quiet Study B

Adults are invited to join us to practice English or Spanish listening and speaking skills and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. Los adultos están invitados a unirse a nosotros para practicar habilidades de comprensión auditiva y expresión oral en inglés o español y aprender sobre otras culturas en un ambiente de apoyo.

Book Discussion

Friday, March 7, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*Washington Black*](#) by Esi Edugyan.

Adaptive Adventures for Teens & Adults

Friday, March 7, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

Join us for accessible activities for teens and adults with disabilities, and their family, friends, and caregivers. No registration is required.

Baby Bounce and Lapsit Storytime

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., 1st Floor Meeting Room

Baby bounce shares short stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays and songs that reinforce early literacy skills.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, March 7 & 21, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Plan Your Tomato Garden

Saturday, March 8, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Learn how to increase your success with correct planting methods, pest control, irrigation, soil management, and fertilizer to produce healthy and productive plants.

Happy Holi: Festival of Colors for Children

Saturday, March 8, 2 – 3 p.m., Outside Plaza

We will be throwing brightly colored powders in the library plaza. We will also be playing Bollywood music, so come prepared to dance and have fun! Please wear appropriate clothing, preferably white, and expect to be covered in colors.

Lanzaremos polvos de colores brillantes en la plaza de la biblioteca y disfrutaremos de música de Bollywood, ¡así que ven listo para bailar y divertirse! Se recomienda usar ropa adecuada, preferiblemente blanca, y estar preparado para cubrirse de colores.

Open Poetry Readings

Saturday, March 8, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

Read whatever poetry you want to read and join in related discussions.

Beginning Painting/Empezando a pintar

Sundays, March 9 & 16, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Wednesdays, March 19 & 26, 6 – 7 p.m., Community Room

Come explore beginning painting techniques. No experience necessary. All materials provided. Registration required. Ven a explorar técnicas básicas de pintura, incluyendo mezcla de colores, difuminado y composición. No se requiere experiencia. Todos los materiales están incluidos. Se requiere registraci3n.

Emergency Preparedness for Kids (ages 10+)

Tuesday, March 11, 5 – 6 p.m., First Floor Nest

Kids will learn about making an emergency plan and family communication plan with a fun and interactive lesson and game. Attendees will leave with an Emergency Kit backpack to take home! Aprenderán a hacer un plan de emergencia y un plan de comunicaci3n familiar con una lecci3n divertida e interactiva. ¡Al final, los participantes se llevarán a casa una mochila con un kit de emergencia!

LEGO Club

Friday, March 14, 3 – 4:30 p.m., the Nest

We provide LEGOs, children build fun creations that will be displayed in the library. Nosotros proporcionamos los Legos, los ni1os construyen creaciones divertidas! Estas serán exhibidas en la biblioteca.

The Science of Chocolate: Molecular Gastronomy and Tempering

Saturday, March 15, 10 – 11 a.m., Community Room

Embark on a delectable journey into the world of chocolate, where science and gastronomy intertwine. Learn about the different types of cocoa beans, their flavor profiles, and how to identify high-quality chocolate.

AI Toy Petting Zoo (ages 5+)

Saturday, March 15, 1 – 3 p.m.

The AI Toy Petting Zoo is an exciting event where children can explore and interact with friendly AI creatures and technology. Experience hands-on adventures with interactive robots and engage with exciting technologies like Loona PETBOT and Merge Cubes.

Food Smarts: Cooking & Nutrition Classes/Inteligencia Alimentaria: Clases de Cocina y Nutrici3n

Fridays, March 21 & 28, April 4, 11, & 18, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Register to attend this 5-class session of Food Smarts, a cooking and nutrition series to help you learn how to make healthy food choices. Regístrese para participar en Food Smarts, una serie de clases gratuitas de cocina y nutrici3n que le ayudarán a aprender cómo elegir alimentos saludables.

Food as Medicine: Gut Health Basics

Saturday, March 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Discover how food can be used as medicine to support digestive health, reduce inflammation, and improve vitality.

Book Discussion: From Farms to Incubators

Sunday, March 23, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Join us for a lively discussion of [*From Farms to Incubators*](#) by Amy Wu.

Reading Buddies

Monday, March 24, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., the Nest

Come practice your reading skills and read aloud one on one with a furry friend! ¡Ven a practicar tus habilidades de lectura y lee en voz alta uno a uno con un amigo peludo!

Book Discussion

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*Small Pleasures*](#) by Clare Chambers.

Citizenship Presentation/Presentación sobre la ciudadanía

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

During this informational session, you will learn: How to apply, mock interviews, how to study for the civics exam. Durante esta sesión informativa, aprenderá: Como aplicar, entrevistas simuladas, como estudiar para el examen civil.

Pastel & Charcoal Drawing Class

Friday, March 28, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

All adult & teen artists are welcome. No experience necessary! All supplies will be provided. Register to reserve your spot. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Medicinal Mushrooms: Traditional Uses & Modern Science

Saturday, March 29, 12 – 1 p.m., Community Room

You may have noticed medicinal mushrooms popping up on social media, making its way into coffee, creamer, protein bars and supplements. Find out how they can boost immunity, energy, brain health and more.

DIY Fashionable Fascinator

Saturday, March 29, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Craft your own fascinator, a headpiece often worn to formal events. Supplies are limited to one fascinator per person. Please register.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Baby Sign and Stay & Play

Saturday, March 1, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Babies ages 0-12 months and their grownups are welcome to sing songs and learn signs to share with your baby. Please bring a blanket for your baby. After storytime, stay and play with age-appropriate toys.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for 10 minutes with instructor Manisha.

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, March 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

Share poetry, hear poetry. You do not have to be a poet to attend.

Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, & 18, 1 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, sing, and action! The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 歡迎小朋友來到故事時間，這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書，兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲為特色的內容。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, March 5, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [*The Whistler*](#) by John Grisham.

Toddler Storytime

Wed. & Thu., March 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

This interactive storytime is for early walkers, 1s and 2s. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before storytime.

Baby Storytime & Stay and Play

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 2 p.m.

Non-walking babies and their caregivers will enjoy songs, rhymes, gentle movement, short books and other fun. After storytime, enjoy the Stay & Play. Please bring a blanket to lay your babies on when they are not cuddling in your lap.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for those who speak basic English. No registration required.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Teens are welcome to drop in and watch the game. Right now, the game is full, but we will occasionally have openings for new players. Please check in at the Adult Reference Desk.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, March 9, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We have board games for adults, teens, and children – plus LEGOs and DUPLOs.

Food as Medicine: Gut Health Basics

Tuesday, March 11, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Discover how food can be used as medicine to support digestive health, reduce inflammation, and improve vitality.

The Science of Chocolate: Molecular Gastronomy and Tempering

Wednesday, March 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Embark on a delectable journey into the world of chocolate, where science and gastronomy intertwine. Learn about the different types of cocoa beans, their flavor profiles, and how to identify high-quality chocolate. Please register.

Navigating College Admissions in the AI Era

Thursday, March 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Gain insight into AI's role in college admissions, the future of college applications, ethical considerations in AI-driven admissions, preparing for the AI era, and the broader impact of AI on higher education. Please register.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, March 14, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a watercolor workshop. All supplies will be provided. Seating is first come, first served.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Come learn how to play a new board game or bring an old favorite. We welcome newcomers to hobby gaming and families with kids.

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, March 16, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This is a time to relax with the community and let your creativity shine.

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2 – 3)

Tuesday, March 18, 4 – 5 p.m.,

We will discuss [*Rise of the Earth Dragon*](#) by Tracey West. We will talk about the book and make a fun craft. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4 – 5)

Wednesday, March 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*Inside Out & Back Again*](#) by Thanhha Lai. We will talk about the book and do a fun activity. Please register online then pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Growing Great Tomatoes

Wednesday, March 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This talk covers cover soil, seeding, watering, varieties, growing in containers and basic tomato culture.

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, March 24, 12 – 1 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [*Nothing Like it in the World: The Men who Build the Transcontinental Railroad 1863-1869*](#) by Stephen E. Ambrose.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6 – 8)

Tuesday, March 25, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [*The Witch Boy*](#) by Molly Knox Ostertag. After our discussion we will do a fun activity. Please register then pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Reference Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Los Altos Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Please email lpasternack@sccl.org to join the group.

Mask Craft with Dei

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Make a mask with Dei. All materials will be provided. No registration required. Seating is first come, first served.

Story Explorers Book Club (TK—Grade 1)

Wednesday, March 26, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will do a read-aloud and discussion of two books, then move to music and do a fun craft.

Bay Area Hummingbirds

Wednesday, March 26, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Wildlife photographer Joan Sparks will share the different Bay Area hummingbird species and types of blooms they enjoy. Learn tips on how to attract hummingbirds into your yard.

The Wild Robot Movie Screening

Sunday, March 30, 1 – 3 p.m., Los Altos Community Center

We will watch the film *The Wild Robot* (rated PG), based on the Silicon Valley Reads selected book, [*The Wild Robot*](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Peter Brown

Sunday, March 30, 3 – 3:45 p.m., Los Altos Community Center

Hear from the author behind Silicon Valley Reads selected book, [*The Wild Robot*](#).

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Family Storytime**

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, singing and action with picture books, flannel board stories and fingerplays.

Food as Medicine: Gut Health Basics

Saturday, March 1, 3 – 4 p.m.

Discover how food can be used as medicine to support digestive health, reduce inflammation, and improve vitality.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

Saturday, March 1, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

Kids 12+ are invited to meet other cubers, learn new techniques and have fun.

VITA: Volunteer Tax Preparation

Sundays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

People will be helped on a first come, first served basis. Please bring all W-2s, 1092s, 1099s and SSA forms. Please bring your 2023 tax return, if available. You will also need to create an email address ahead of time.

Homework Help

Mondays – Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Baby Bouncers Lapsit

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

This is a baby and caregivers program with an early literacy focus on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, very short and simple picture books. Caregivers are encouraged to bring a blanket for their babies to lay on.

Bilingual Mandarin Family Storytime/ 中英雙語故事時間

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, sing, and action! The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 歡迎小朋友來到故事時間，這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書，兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲為特色的內容。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加。

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, March 5, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Join us as we read a book, do a craft activity based on the book, and then learn about resources provided at the Guerrero Family Resource Center in Milpitas.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. No registration required.

Bilingual Cantonese Family Storytime/ 粵語雙語故事時間

Wednesday, March 5, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Children's Librarians Emilie will read storybooks and lead children with songs and fingerplays in English and Cantonese. 每月第一個周三晚上6:30 兒童圖書館員 Emilie 將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書，唱兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加。

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 1- and 2-year-olds, features lots of movement, singing and action.

Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 3 – 5-year-olds, features longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Relieve stress and anxiety, increase energy and vitality and improve physical health during these exercise sessions. Giảm căng thẳng và lo lắng, tăng năng lượng và sức sống, Cải thiện sức khỏe thể chất.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Meet other yarn lovers, get help or share ideas. Limited instruction available in Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati, but note this is not a class. No registration required. Materials not provided.

Teen Safe Space

Fridays, March 7 & 21, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Join us for in-person LGBTQIA+ support. Teens and young adults are invited to games, crafts, discussion and community. No registration necessary.

Board Game Day

Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Learn different board games or play your favorite one. This program is open to ages 18+. Online registration is encouraged but not required.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Monday, March 10, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build anything they can imagine. This is a drop-in program. Space is limited.

Little Learners STEAM (ages 3-5)

Tuesday, March 11, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

Each month we will learn, nurture curiosity and discover new things through engaging and fun activities. Registration is required. Parents must participate with their child. Siblings welcomed.

Hands-Only CPR and AED Training

Thursday, March 13, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Members of the Milpitas Fire Department will share how to learn life-saving skills such as providing CPR and demystifying AEDs. No registration required.

Zine Workshop with Author Wendy Xu (Grades 6+)

Saturday, March 15, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Silicon Valley Reads featured author Wendy Xu will lead a workshop exploring the fundamentals of comics, then create your own!

Adult & Teen Crafternoon (ages 13+)

Saturday, March 15, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

Create a simple felt journal. No registration is required. Walk-ins while supplies last.

San Francisco Shakespeare Presents: Romeo and Juliet

Sunday, March 16, 2 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Experience the passion and tragedy of two star-crossed lovers as they navigate a world of bitter feuds and forbidden romance.

Is it Time to Quit Tech?

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium

The tech industry is known for its salaries, perks, and the promise of long-term financial security. However, recent layoffs have forced many to reevaluate their career paths. Learn the realities of transitioning to a non-tech career, essential educational credentials and transferable tech skills, and current opportunities/strategies for success.

Crafts Around the World

Wednesday, March 19, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

In honor of the Jewish holiday, Purim, we will be decorating face masks and crowns. All supplies will be provided. Registration required.

Tween Time (Grades 4-8)

Friday, March 21, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

We will create animal pom-poms while having snacks and socializing. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

LGBTQ Movie Night

Friday, March 21, 4:30 – 7 p.m., Auditorium

Join the Avenidas Rainbow Collective and Milpitas Library to screen LGBTQ films. Bring a friend, family member or a date. Please RSVP.

Milpitas Book Discussion and Author Visit

Saturday, March 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

Author Meredith Jaeger will discuss her latest novel, [*The Incurables*](#). Audience Q&A will follow, as well as a book signing.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, March 22, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book.

Tabletop Dungeon

Saturday, March 22, 2 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Kids 13+ are invited to learn Dungeon World with us. Similar to Dungeons and Dragons but more narrative based, it's perfect for beginners and experts. Please register.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, March 27, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

Spend time with a Milpitas-based group of writers and appreciators of poetry.

Music and Movement for Ages 3-8

Friday, March 28, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join us as we focus on early literacy through movement, songs and dance. Children and their caregivers will have fun exploring music and dance together!

Retro Roadshow: Tales from the Orchard

Sunday, March 30, 2 – 5 p.m.

Join us for an exploration of Apple's history and its far-reaching influence, presented by the Retro Roadshow Pop-Up Museum of Vintage Technology.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue**Bilingual Storytime for All Ages**

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for fun with your little one! Stories, music, movement, and more! Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English). ¡Acompáñenos para divertirse en familia con su pequeño! ¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más! Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español/inglés).

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, & 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Adult Program Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. ¡Únase a nosotros para tener conversaciones divertidas y practicar el inglés! Este programa es para adultos de 18 años y mayores que hablan inglés básico.

The Science of Chocolate: Molecular Gastronomy and Tempering

Saturday, March 1, 2 – 3 p.m.

Embark on a delectable journey into the world of chocolate, where science and gastronomy intertwine. Learn about the different types of cocoa beans, their flavor profiles, and how to identify high-quality chocolate. Please register.

Snack Break: Free Snacks for Kids/Meriendas Gratis Para Niños

Mondays-Fridays except during school breaks, 3 – 4 p.m.

Snacks provided by the YMCA, for kids 18 years old and under. Meriendas proporcionadas por la YMCA, para niños de 18 años y menores.

Homework Help

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays except during school breaks, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Zumba

Monday, March 3, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

Join us for a free dance and rhythm-based workout. This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, fitness party exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast.

Planning for the End

Tuesday, March 4, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

The American Association of University Women is hosting a four-part series about Planning for the End. This third installment focuses on decluttering. Discover the benefits of organizing your home now, along with tips on where to donate items.

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

Knitters are welcome to come and work together. New knitters can get advice and assistance while advanced knitters can meet new friends.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build anything they can imagine. LEGOs are available for ages 2+. No registration required.

AI Toy Petting Zoo (ages 5+)

Wednesday, March 5, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

The AI Toy Petting Zoo is an exciting event where children can explore and interact with friendly AI creatures and technology. Experience hands-on adventures with interactive robots and engage with exciting technologies like Loona PETBOT and Merge Cubes.

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, March 5, 6 – 7 p.m.

The Teen Advisory Board meets once a month to provide ideas and input about library programs and services for teens. Please register.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, March 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [*A Rome of One's Own*](#) by Emma Southon.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for stories, music, movement and more.

Ready Together: Information Booth

Friday, March 7, 10:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Library Lobby

Learn how to create an emergency plan, what emergency supplies may be needed and find out about future programs.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Toddlers (1-2 years old) and caregivers are invited to join us for short fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 12 – 12:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Babies (12 months and younger) and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more!

Drop-in Libby, eBook and eAudiobook Help

Sundays, March 9 & 23, 3 – 4 p.m., Information Desk

Drop in to receive help with using the Libby app. You will need to bring your smart-phone, kindle or tablet. No registration needed.

Preparación Para Emergencias (En español)

Tuesday, March 11, 4 – 5 p.m., Program Room

Aprender sobre seguridad contra incendios domésticos y forestales, seguridad en el hogar, planificación de emergencias familiares y sistemas de alerta de emergencia. Los asistentes recibirán una bolsa de viaje gratuita para la preparación para emergencias (hasta agotar existencias).

Plan Your Tomato Garden

Tuesday, March 11, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

Learn how to increase your success with correct planting methods, pest control, irrigation, soil management, and fertilizer to produce healthy and productive plants.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, March 11, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Families with school-aged children will create art or do a STEM activity. This month’s project is a robot collage, in the style of artist Nam June Paik.

Literary Lounge Book Club

Wednesday, March 12, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Program Room

The Literary Lounge is a book club for sharing and discovering books. Connect with fellow readers in a casual and friendly setting.

Movie Night: The Creator

Thursday, March 13, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

Join us for the thrilling sci-fi adventure, *The Creator* (rated PG-13).

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, March 14 & 28, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. No registration necessary.

RAFT Maker Mobile/Creaciones Inovadoras STEAM

Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2 – 5 p.m.

This innovative mobile makerspace brings hands-on, immersive STEAM learning. Suitable for patrons 5+. Este innovador espacio de creación móvil ofrece aprendizaje STEAM práctico e inmersivo. Más adecuado para edades de 5 años en adelante.

Level Up Cooking with AI (Tweens & Teens)

Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This program empowers you to discover exciting new recipes, unleash your creativity in the kitchen, and become a culinary whiz. Learn how to use AI to find the perfect ingredients, plan delicious meals, and even invent your own unique dishes! This program is for tweens and teens in grades 6-12. Please register.

4-Panel Comic Workshop with Author Wendy Xu (Ages 13+)

Saturday, March 15, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Silicon Valley Reads featured author Wendy Xu will lead a workshop exploring the fundamentals of comics, then create your own!

Ready Together: Emergency Preparedness Series

Monday, March 17, 5 – 6:15 p.m., Program Room

This is the third of a four-part series based on the City of Morgan Hill's Do 1 Thing initiative. This workshop will cover getting involved and being informed.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, March 18, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

Bring your uke and music stand or come to listen and sing along! No registration required.

The Moon and Mars: Amazing Places for Humans to Soon Explore

Tuesday, March 18, 5 – 6 p.m.

Dr. Pascal Lee is a leading planetary scientist working on planning future exploration of the Moon and Mars. He will explain why and how we will explore these worlds, when we will go, where we would land, what we would see, what would we do, and who would go.

Kids Art Club (ages 5+)

Wednesday, March 19, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for an afternoon of creativity. Drop in and create value and tone drawings inspired by Tamara de Lempicka.

Friendship Bracelets for Adults

Wednesday, March 19, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Program Room

Channel your creativity and nostalgia with a relaxing evening of friendship bracelet making! All materials and supplies provided while supplies last. This is for adults and seniors only.

Retro Roadshow: Mario Through the Ages

Saturday, March 22, 2 – 5 p.m.

Go on an exploration of video game art history. Explore a range of classic video game consoles featuring nearly five decades of Mario-centric games.

Sensory Playtime (ages 4-10 with a parent/caregiver)

Friday, March 28, 4 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Sensory playtime is a hands-on, interactive experience designed to engage children through a variety of activities. Designed for kids with sensory processing differences, autism, or who have other special needs. Please register.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Family Storytime

Saturdays, March 1 & 8, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, March 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will be discussing [*The Frozen River*](#) by Ariel Lawhon. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Maple Room

Bring your instrument and meet people who are also working on their musical journey. Please attend one session per day.

Music Theory for Beginners

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1:30 – 2 p.m., Maple Room

In this 4-week course, you will learn fundamentals in music theory with emphasis on chord structure, progressions, and harmony accompaniments in modern pop songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, March 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

In observance of Women's History Month, we will be discussing [*Parable of the Talents*](#) by Octavia E. Butler. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, March 5, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Bring your own projects and yarn, ask questions, receive help, give help, share ideas, and meet new people! Patterns from past workshops and a limited number of circular knitting needles and crochet hooks will be available to borrow.

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

Get help using your laptop, tablet or cell phone. Help is given on a first come, first-served basis.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Navigating College Admissions in the AI Era

Monday, March 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Maple Room

Gain insight into AI's role in college admissions, the future of college applications, ethical considerations in AI-driven admissions, preparing for the AI era, and the broader impact of AI on higher education. Please register.

Comic Workshop with Author Wendy Xu (Grades 6+)

Sunday, March 16, 2 – 3 p.m., Maple Room

Silicon Valley Reads featured author Wendy Xu will lead a workshop exploring the fundamentals of comics, then create your own!

Children's Craft (PreK-Grade 3)

Tuesday, March 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Maple Room

Children are invited to make a ladybug headband. All materials provided.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, March 20, 1 – 2 p.m.

Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Introduction to Generative AI (Grades 6+)

Tuesday, March 25, 6 – 7 p.m., Maple Room

Learn the basics of AI, applications of generative AI, and ethical issues that surround the use of Artificial Intelligence. Please register.

Digital Literacy Class

Thursday, March 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Learn basic computer skills, practice accessing the internet and how to stay safe online.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road**Monday Meditation and Mindfulness**

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Practice meditation for 20 minutes, then ask questions for 10 minutes with the instructor.

Family Storytime: Spring

Sunday, March 9, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Families are invited to join us for a spring-themed storytime with songs, fingerplays, and fun. Dress for the weather!

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, March 11, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

In honor of Women's History Month, we will discuss [*What the Wind Knows*](#) by Amy Harmon. Email lpasternack@sccl.org to join the monthly email reminders.

Family Storytime: Weather

Sunday, March 23, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Families are invited to join us for a weather-themed storytime with songs, fingerplays, and fun. Dress for the weather!

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)**Online English Conversation Club**

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk and Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Monday, March 10, 6 – 7 p.m.

Register now to attend a virtual author talk with Ray Nayler, author of the Silicon Valley Reads book, [*The Mountain in the Sea*](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Dan Heath

Wednesday, March 12, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

In his book, [*Reset*](#), Dan Heath explores a framework for getting unstuck and making the changes that matter.

Virtual Author Talk: Amy Wu

Wednesday, March 12, 6 – 7:15 p.m.

Join us for a lively discussion of [*From Farms to Incubators*](#) with author Amy Wu.

Financial Planning: The Most Tax Effective Withdrawal Strategy in Retirement

Tuesday, March 18, 7 – 8 p.m.

A certified financial planner will review important decisions retirees face that may have tax consequences as they spend down their assets, and how to minimize the impact of taxes on a portfolio to extend the life of assets.

Virtual Author Talk: Clara Bingham

Thursday, March 20, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Journalist Clara Bingham will discuss her book, [*The Movement: How Women's Liberation Transformed America, 1963-1973*](#). This comprehensive oral history brings to life the vibrant and transformative decade of the women's liberation movement.

Asian Art Museum Talk: Facing Mecca

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8 p.m.

Islam has inspired a variety of sacred art, but the scope of its influence also extends into the secular realm and to cultures across the globe. Experience the complexity and breadth of Islamic art through objects from the collection of the Asian Art Museum.

Virtual Author Talk: Jennifer Weiner

Wednesday, March 26, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join bestselling author Jennifer Weiner for a conversation about her captivating novels, including her latest, [*The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits*](#).

AI: The Companion

Wednesday, March 26, 6 – 7 p.m.

This presentation will include what Artificial intelligence (AI) is, how it works, and discuss the present and the future of AI. We will discuss about how learners can leverage ChatGPT in learning, along with how to explore entrepreneurship with AI.

March 2025

Morgan Hill Librarian Report

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Chef Martin Yan: Chef Yan entertained 121 patrons while preparing some of his favorite recipes and sharing his appreciation for our city.

Middle School Outreach: Our Teen Librarian Hannah connected with 52 teens at two local middle schools, providing fun pro-social activities during lunch periods.

Charlee Dyroff Author Visit: This Silicon Valley Reads featured author visited Morgan Hill to discuss her novel *Loneliness & Company* with 38 patrons.

Tiny Tot Jamboree: Every week our Librarian Heather leads this program which provides a space for parents and babies to engage in early literacy activities and build social skills.



MARCH PROGRAMS

Planning for the End: Decluttering
Tuesday 3/4 6pm

RAFT Maker Mobile
Saturday 3/15 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm

Friendship Bracelets for Adults
Wednesday 3/19 5:30pm

Silicon Valley Reads

AI Toy Petting Zoo for Kids
Wednesday 3/5 3:30pm

Level Up your Cooking with AI for Teens
Saturday 3/15 11am

Author Wendy Xu: 4 Panel Comic Workshop
Saturday 3/15 4pm

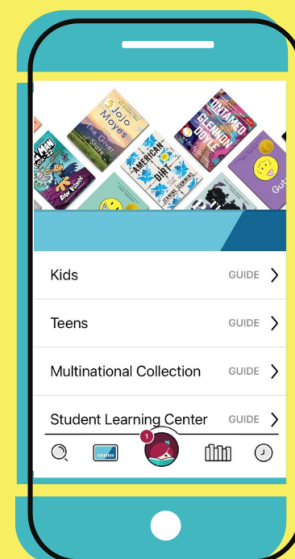
Moon and Mars with Dr. Pascal Lee
Tuesday 3/18 5pm

Retro Roadshow: Mario Through the Ages
Saturday 3/22 2pm



Get in-person
help with
Libby App!

Sunday
March 9 & 23
3pm-4pm



READY TOGETHER

Unsure where to begin
when it comes to
emergency preparedness?

Drop In Information Booth
Morgan Hill Library
Friday 3/7 10:15am - 1pm

Making An Emergency Plan
Morgan Hill Library
Monday 3/17 5pm



la carte': Morgan Hill



Participants have fun at last year's Art a la Carte event.

Genealogy Highlight

Ancestry Library Edition

Provides access to
hundreds of millions
records. Includes U.S.
Census, military, vital, and
immigration records, and
much more.

Digital Reel

Providing access to over
100 years of local
newspapers, including
Morgan Hill Times, The
Sun, and Morgan Hill Life.

January Statistics

Monthly Circulation: 63,712

Ebook Circulation: 18,113

Number of Borrowers: 5,147

New Cards: 196

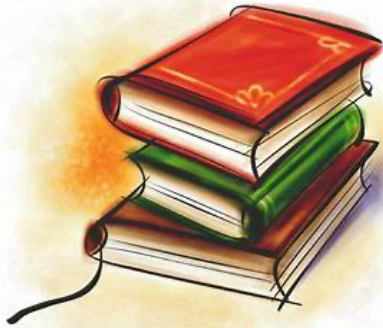
Visitors: 18,121

Programs & Outreach: 98

Participants: 3039

Where do our patrons come from?

Morgan Hill Residents	76.94%
San Martin and Unincorporated County	6.75%
Gilroy Residents	5.76%
San Jose Residents	6.6%



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MORGAN HILL, CALIFORNIA

www.friendsmhlibrary.org

The Bookworm Bulletin
Events of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library

Winter 2025

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A Winter Concert
performed by: **Four Shillings Short**

CELTIC, FOLK & WORLD MUSIC

Tue, Feb 25
6:30 - 7:30pm
Morgan Hill Library

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
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50th Anniversary
1974-2024

SCCLD

Notes from the President

Vicky Reader, vevreader@gmail.com



Many thanks to all who supported our joyful and well-attended 50th Anniversary Celebration last October. We also appreciate those who responded with donations for our 50th Anniversary appeal. The celebration was filled with activities engaging young children to seniors and all ages of patrons in between.

While it took us a few years to get to pre-pandemic income levels after the library reopened, 2024 got us closer to where our sales were back in 2019. Next week our Community Librarian Heather and I will be at the Rotary meeting as the Friends applied for and received a Community Grant from them. We were awarded some funds to complement the City Office of Emergency Services programs at the library by providing some emergency kit items. The Morgan Hill Rotary continues to be a strong supporter of our library, so if you are a Rotarian or know one, please pass along our thanks.

We are working with Heather as usual to ensure the book sales income, donations, and any grant funds are put to good use at the library to benefit our community as a whole. We all are proud to be Friends of our Library which remains such a welcoming place to be!



County Librarian Jennifer Weeks, Friends President Vicky Reader, Mayor Mark Turner, Friend volunteer and former Mayor Steve Tate, and Community Librarian, Heather Geddes, after presenting Friends with City Proclamation.

Library News

Heather Geddes, Community Librarian hgeddes@sccl.org



Ready Together Emergency Preparedness at the Library –

Unsure where to begin when it comes to emergency preparedness? The library is here to help with a series of programs and tabling events this Spring to educate our patrons on planning for emergencies, as well as providing basic supplies to build Emergency Kits.

In Person Programs include these topics on the following Mondays at 5 pm:

- 2/24 - Emergency Food Supply; Work, School & Community; Communications Planning
- 3/17 - Getting Involved, Being Informed, and Power
- 4/28 - Emergency Supplies and First Aid

If you aren't able to attend a program, drop by or visit the Ready Together Information Booth at the library. We will be sharing more Emergency Preparedness resources on Fridays from 10:15 am to 1 pm on March 7th and May 2nd.

Coming Soon! Storybook SCCLD - Have you ever wondered what the Santa Clara County Library children's spaces would look like if they were transformed into an enchanted children's storybook? You're about to find out!

We are creating new spaces at the library to foster a passion for books and reading while combining play and early literacy experiences. Our new space will include themed interactives for little hands to practice motor skills, reading nooks for quiet play, a toddler slide for active play and an interactive learning area for babies.

Construction for this project will begin in March with a grand opening in mid-April! To keep patrons safe during construction, the children's room will be closed to the public during installation. Access to children's materials will be made available in other parts of the library, and all children's programming will continue.

Our new space will encourage children to use their imagination where our enchanted play spaces come to life. By meeting children in their imaginative worlds, we will provide space where big body play and quiet play work in tandem around early literacy.



Wonderful Volunteers!

Volunteer Coordinator

Karen MacDonald karenmacdmhca@gmail.com

Happy New Year to all our wonderful volunteers! New members who have joined forces with our experienced sorters and cashiers are much-appreciated. We are better able to process donated materials and former library books with more sorters. Also, we are gradually filling open shifts in the Bookstore. Subs who check the volunteer calendar on our website are invaluable when their schedule allows them to fill what would otherwise mean the Bookstore would be closed. Those who regularly volunteer at the Big Book Sales helped us add almost \$2,100 to our income on February 8th. Many volunteers who work behind the scenes also boost our ability to support the library.

Thank you to all Volunteers! Thank you to all Friends! Thank you to all patrons who come to our Bookstore and sales, and those who check out our special online books! Enjoy Friends Bookstore volunteer Bill Barnhart's sketch of our guest performer, Mark Gaetano, in December.



Membership Update

Donna Cotich, Membership, djcotich@yahoo.com

I admit that the Friends Bookstore is one of my favorite places. I share your delight when you find a book you like. I enjoy listening to giggling children looking at books. We have in common the love of reading, as well as the events provided by the library.

I support the library by joining the Friends, donating my time as a volunteer in the Bookstore and at sales and also by donating my handcrafted items to the Bookstore. Since we have a warm place in our heart for this special place, here's how you can help.

1. Frequent our Bookstore regularly for your reading material or gifts. You can also get a feel for what books we can accept as donations from your shelves.
2. Become a new Friend of the Library or renew your current membership for 2025.
3. Look into volunteering if you have a few free hours a week or can help with Big Book Sales in February, June, and October.
4. Consider making a monetary donation to the Friends, especially in honor of our 50 years of volunteer service as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Memberships are easy. Where else can you join a "club" for \$10.00 per year. Plus, your membership card allows you to purchase one item per month in the Bookstore for 50% off its marked price. You also get the best selection through earlier access to our Big Book Sales an hour before non-members.

Visit us at http://www.friendsmhlibrary.org/help_the_friends.html. You can download an application, pay with PayPal, or stop by the Bookstore to sign up or renew your membership. Remember, the earlier you renew, the more you can utilize your discount cards! See you in the Bookstore!



Treasurer Report

Sherrie Wren, treasurer@friendsmhlibrary.org

The FMHL 2024 Year End financial outlook is good with total assets of \$206,874. Our \$50 for 50 Years of Service donation campaign brought in \$5,797. Along with other donations, grants, and craft sales (\$1,761) the total donations and grants are \$11,116. Our hard-working CDs earned interest of \$4,745. Membership dues were \$1,964.

Our sales income (Bookstore cash and credit, Online sales, Big Book sales, and Bargain Books) was \$44,737. Our total 2024 income was \$62,563.

We took advantage of Black Friday savings to upgrade our Sort Room technology. We acquired a new All-In-One computer, a new printer, and a volunteer-donated laptop. This new equipment can double Sorter efficiency.

We are celebrating our ability to support the Morgan Hill Library with a \$24,272 gift (double our initial budgeted donation).

Our net income for 2024 of \$32,224 is made possible by our dedicated Volunteer Sorters, Cashiers, and Board of Directors. Happy New Year.



WERC visit



Chiquy and the Chiclets.
Zumba classes are
sponsored by the Friends



Library, Culture, and Arts Commission Public Services Director Report

Announcements

- Currently South Valley Civic Theater is showing Mean Girls at the Community Playhouse. The Show goes through March 9.
- The current Art Exhibit at the Community and Cultural Center is by Diana Wallace.

Calendar of Upcoming Items

March 2025

Every Saturday, March 1st – March 29th:

- [Morgan Hill Farmers Market](#)
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - Where: Train Station parking lot
(3rd Street and Depot Street in Downtown Morgan Hill)

Every Monday, March 3rd – March 31st:

- [Community Supper at St. Catherine Parish Center](#)
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: St. Catherine of Alexandria
(17400 Peak Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Tuesday, March 4th – March 25th:

- [Community Table at Advent Lutheran Church](#)
 - Time: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church
(16870 Murphy Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, March 5th, and March 19th:

- [Drive Through Grocery Box: Advent Luther Church](#)
 - Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church
(16870 Murphy Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

1st Wednesday of every Month, March 5th:

- [MH Photography Club Monthly Meeting](#)
 - Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Multipurpose Room
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Thursday, March 6th – March 27th:

- [Community Suppers at Community Christian Church](#)
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church
(305 West Main Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Friday, March 7th – March 28th:

- [Community Suppers at Grace Hill Church](#)
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: Grace Hill Church
(16970 DeWitt Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every 2nd Saturday of the Month, March 8th:

- [Morgan Hill Historical Society Downtown Walking Tour](#)
 - Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon)
 - Where: Park at Community Garage (Enter on 4th Street)
Meet at 50 E. 3rd street (Garage Exit)

April 2025

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, April 2nd, and April 16th:

- [Drive Through Grocery Box: Advent Lutheran Church](#)
 - Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church
(16870 Murphy Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

1st Wednesday of every Month, April 2nd:

- [MH Photography Club Monthly Meeting](#)
 - Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Multipurpose Room
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Thursday, April 3rd – April 24th:

- [Community Suppers at Community Christian Church](#)
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church
(305 West Main Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Saturday, April 5th – April 26th:

- [Morgan Hill Farmers Market](#)
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - Where: Train Station parking lot
(3rd Street and Depot Street in Downtown Morgan Hill)

Every Monday, April 7th – April 28th:

- [Community Supper at St. Catherine Parish Center](#)
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: St. Catherine of Alexandria
(17400 Peak Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Tuesday, April 8th – April 29th:

- [Community Table at Advent Lutheran Church](#)
 - Time: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church
(16870 Murphy Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Friday, April 4th – April 25th:

- [Community Suppers at Grace Hill Church](#)
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: Grace Hill Church
(16970 DeWitt Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every 2nd Saturday of the Month, April 12th:

- [Morgan Hill Historical Society Downtown Walking Tour](#)
 - Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon)
 - Where: Park at Community Garage (Enter on 4th Street)
Meet at 50 E. 3rd street (Garage Exit)



MEETING MINUTES

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission

Cindy Blanton - Chair
Robyn Carrillo - Vice Chair
Mark Fiorenza - Commissioner
Suman Ganapathy - Commissioner
Patrice Lyn - Commissioner
Tanaya Rose - Commissioner
Amanda Santiago - Commissioner

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 5:30 PM

Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

CALL TO ORDER

5:32pm

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Blanton and Rose absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

WORKSHOP - ART A LA CARTE

Commissioners discussed the planning for the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

This opportunity for public comment is for items that are not on the agenda. If you would like to make comments on an item that is on the agenda, please wait until we get to that item to offer your comments. Members of the public are entitled to address the Commission concerning any item within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to no more than three minutes. Except for certain specific exceptions, the Commission is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. Public comment is intended for comments. Questions posed during public comment are not generally answered. If you have questions, please send them to the City Clerk at

LCACpubliccomment@morganhill.ca.gov to receive a response. (See additional noticing at the end of this agenda)

None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Ganapathy, second Lyn, adopted 5-0.

REPORTS

1. County Librarian Report – Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian

Recommendation:

Receive report.

Report provided by Megan Holland, Financial and Administrative Services Director.

2. Morgan Hill Library Report - Heather Geddes, Community Librarian

Recommendation:

Receive report.

Report provided.

3. Friends of the Morgan Hill Library Report – Vicky Reader, Friends President

Recommendation:

Receive report.

Report provided.

4. Morgan Hill Historical Society Report - Roger Knopf, Board President

Recommendation:

Receive report.

No report.

5. City of Morgan Hill Update - Chris Ghione, Public Services Director

Recommendation:

Receive report.

Report provided.

BUSINESS

1. Accept January 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

Accept January 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

Motion Lyn, second Fiorenza, accepted 5-0.

2. Work Plan Updates

Recommendation:

Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

Updates provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

6:47pm

FY 2024-2025 Work Plan

Approved by City Council on November 6, 2024 – Updated Assignments 2/4/25

Overall Mission: To assist the City Council in accomplishing its goals by fostering an environment conducive to and supportive of the arts, culture, and life-long learning in Morgan Hill, working with existing community groups to promote resources, and facilitate partnerships.

Project Area	City Council Goal Supported	Staff Resources Required	Specific Task / Commissioners Assigned
Project Area 1 Community Outreach	Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community Enhancing Diversity and Inclusiveness Community Outreach, Engagement, and Messaging	PS Director (minimal) CS Supervisor (moderate)	(1.a) Participate with other groups to support community outreach and support arts and culture in the community (including Valle del Sur, El Toro Arts, SV Creates, Poppy Jasper International Film Festival, Morgan Hill Diwali Festival, Coyote Creek Music Festival, SJMA Let's Look at Art, Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana, Juneteenth, Kwanzaa, Caribbean Meet and Greet, South Valley Civic Theater) (All) (1.b) Explore development of a calendar relating to library, culture and arts activities/events and/or development of a publication plan for upcoming events (Lyn/Rose/Carrillo) (1.c) Support arts programming in conjunction at the Morgan Hill Magical Bridge Playground (All) (1.d) Use social media for promotion of Commission initiatives (Ganapathy/Carrillo) (1.e) Develop outreach program to the Latinx community through art programming (Santiago/Lyn/Carrillo) (1.f) Continue open art studio program (physical) (Blanton/Ganapathy) (1.g) Explore opportunities for youth engagement in arts through tabling at events with youth (Ganapathy/Rose) (1.h) Continue the "Morgan Hill Stands United Against Hate" campaign (Ganapathy/Blanton)
Project Area 2 Art and Culture Events	Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community Enhancing Diversity and Inclusiveness	PS Director (minimal) CS Coordinator (minimal) CS Supervisor (minimal)	(2.a) Facilitate the Art a la Carte event (Lyn is the lead/all members will support)

Project Area	City Council Goal Supported	Staff Resources Required	Specific Task / Commissioners Assigned
Project Area 3 Permanent and Proposed Public Art	Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community Enhancing Diversity and Inclusiveness	PS Director (moderate) Maintenance Manager (minimal)	(3.a) Complete an Art Master Plan (Santiago/Ganapathy are Leads, All Support) (3.b) Review art inventory and complete updates to historical items list (Lyn/Ganapathy/Rose/Carrillo) (3.c) Update public art webpage (Rose) (3.d) Develop and recommend a plan for the use of Public Arts Funds (All) (3.e) Creating an artist registry (Lyn/Santiago) (3.f) Explore creation of digital artwork brochure (Carrillo) (3.g) Continue implementation of the utility box art program (Program: Ganapathy/Blanton/Lyn) (Sponsorship: Carrillo) (Inventory of Sites: Fiorenza) (3.h) Form subcommittees as needed to support specific art requests that come forward (All)
Project Area 4 Library Outreach and Support	Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community Enhancing Diversity and Inclusiveness	Library Staff (minimal)	(4.a) Support Library outreach and advocacy as needed (All) (4.b) Participate in annual Library Commissioners Forum (All) (4.c) Support Children's art show at the Library (Blanton/Carrillo) (4.d) Support Adaptive programming (Rose/Carrillo) (4.e) Support Storywalk (All)
Project Area 5 Support of Historical Resources	Preserving our Community History	PS Director (minimal)	(5.a) Support outreach and advocacy for the Historical Society as needed (Santiago) (5.b) Update City Historical Artifact Inventory in coordination with item 3.b. (Lyn/Ganapathy/Rose)

Staff Resources Required:

0-30 hours: Minimal; 31-60 hours: Moderate; 60+ hours: Significant

Future Potential Items (Parking Lot)

- 1) Explore other opportunities for Library art contests in other media (examples: poetry, photography, literature).
- 2) Create a Morgan Hill coloring book in partnership with local artists
- 3) Implement second annual International Celebration utilizing entertainment and food from various cultures
- 4) Explore opportunities for the Commission to support the Morgan Hill Historical Society partnership, including supporting the Black History Project
- 5) Explore public art related to a homelessness outreach mural (Santiago)
- 6) Partner with artist to complete a community mural (Santiago/Blanton/Ganapathy)